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SUBJECT: MFN AND ROMANIAN EMIGRATION PRACTICES

1. AT LUNCH MARCH 30 WITH AMBASSADOR BOGDAN, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE NOTED THE CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT IN CONGRESS BEHIND THE JACKSON AMENDMENT AND SAID IT WAS CLEAR THAT, REGARDLESS OF FATE OF AMENDMENT, CONGRESS INTENDED TO KEEP A CAREFUL EYE ON THE EMIGRATION POLICIES IN COMMUNIST STATES WHICH MIGHT GAIN MFN. ARMITAGE WENT ON TO SUGGEST, IN THIS LIGHT, THE WISDOM OF CAREFUL ROMANIAN REVIEW OF THE ACTION IT WOULD WISH TO TAKE WITH RESPECT TO THE LISTS, GIVEN TO THE ROMANIANS IN JULY BY THE SECRETARY, OF PERSONS WHO WISH TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES TO JOIN THEIR RELATIVES.

2. BOGDAN SAID THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO CEAUSESCU ABOUT THIS PROBLEM DURING HIS RECENT TRIP TO BUCHAREST, ADDING THAT HE UNDERSTOOD AND APPRECIATED ARMITAGE' S REPRESENTATION.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD FOLLOW UP BY MAKING SPECIFIC INQUIRY
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AT SUITABLY HIGH LEVEL CONCERNING ROMANIAN ACTION ON
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